

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 457
By Miller

A RESOLUTION to commend Richard Kurt Hippel for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Kurt Hippel is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Miller; Kurt's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Shelby County, he is the son of Richard and Teresa Hippel and the brother of Drew Hippel; and

WHEREAS, as a student at The University of Memphis, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Hippel achieved superior academic success by graduating Magna Cum Laude, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication; and

WHEREAS, Kurt received numerous accolades during his collegiate career; he earned placement upon the Dean's List for an impressive eight semesters; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and invaluable member of his community and is a true leader among his peers, having served as Vice President of the Memphis Chapter of the Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity, for whom he was voted as "Most Active Brother"; Kurt has devoted his time and energy to numerous charities, including the American Heart Association, Angel Tree Ministries, and Baptist Memorial Hospital East in Memphis and volunteered his time at the Memphis Democratic Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, having served as an intern during the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Kurt was eager to once again face the characteristics and complexity

of Tennessee state government and to further his studies; Kurt brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill to knowledgeably serve the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Mr. Hippel has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, earning himself the prestigious title of Mr. Intern, the respected role as Intern Speaker, and his renowned status as a stellar letter writer; and

WHEREAS, with an unshakable decorum and a commendable lack of concern for his footwear when faced with the perils of acting as a tour guide, Kurt was always willing to suffer any abuse on behalf of the team; and

WHEREAS, Kurt has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Richard Kurt Hippel for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jeff Miller and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.